GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANHANDLING OF VIPS IN PUNJAB MAIL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some anti-social elements manhandled some VIPs in Punjab Mail near Jhansi recently;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) the corrective action being taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On 16.9.2005 around 14.06 hrs, Shri Uma Shanker Gupta, Minister of Transport, Government of Madhya Pradesh was travelling with his family in AC Coaches of train No. 2137 Dn. Punjab Mail from Bhopal to Gwalior. Shri Chattar Pal Singh Yadav, a leader of Samajvadi Party going to Jhansi was also travelling in the said coach. A dispute took place between the family members of the Hon'ble Minister and Shri Chatter Pal Yadav on the point of accommodation in the coach. The said matter was reported to Government Railway Police / Bina. On arrival of the train at Bina Railway Station, Shri Chatter Pal Singh was detrained and necessary security was provided to the Hon'ble Minister to ensure his safe journey up to Gwalior. In repercussion, a mob of 60/70 persons assembled at Lalitpur Railway Station searching for the Hon'ble Minister in the train. They were pacified and persuaded to be calm by the Government Railway Police, Lalitpur. The train was stopped at Bijauli Railway Station by pulling alarm chain and a mob of about 500 persons attacked the said AC coach and damaged window panes with lathi, iron rod etc. They also reportedly opened fire and in retaliation the security personnel also opened fire. Due to this incident, two passengers travelling in the said AC coach and one constable sustained bullet injuries.

(c): On the complaint of the Chief Ticket Inspector of the said AC coach, Government Railway Police/ Jhansi has registered a case No. 93/2005 dated 16.9.2005 under sections 147, 148, 149, 307 and 427 IPC and 7 Criminal Law Amendment; 151 & 152 Railway Act against 500 unknown persons. None has been arrested so far. Further, on the complaint of Shri Chatter Pal Singh Yadav, a case vide FIR No.0155/05 under sections 394, 504 and 506 IPC has been registered at Government Railway Police Station, Jhansi / Uttar Pradesh against the Minister for Transport, Madhya Pradesh, Shri Uma Shanker Gupta and his associates and transferred to Government Railway Police Station, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on the point of jurisdiction. None has been arrested so far in this case.

On the complaint of Shri Satya Narain, brother-in-law of the Minister of Transport / Madhya Pradesh to the Government Railway Police, Bhopal, a case No.93/05 under sections 147, 148, 149, 307, 336, 506 and 120-B IPC, has also been registered on transfer at Government Railways Police Station/ Jhansi against Shri Chatter Pal Singh Yadav, Shri Pushpender Yadav, Shri Gajender Yadav and Shri Anup and two to three thousands of their supporters. No arrest has been made so far.

(d) : Adequate security to the VIP passengers travelling in trains are being provided by the concerned State Governments. Co-ordination is maintained by the Railways with the Government Railway Police authorities. The situation in the trains and Railway premises is being reviewed periodically in the co- ordination meetings. Any assistance by way of RPF personnel or resources required to maintain law and order is being provided by the Railways.